

## BEGIN WORK ON GRADING THIS WEEK

County Commissioners Purchase the  
First Gasoline Tractor; To  
Start on Cross-County  
Highway at Once

## ANOTHER ENGINE TO BE STARTED SOON

Two Outfits Will Meet at Ninnekah  
with First Stretch Completed;  
County to Spend \$50,000  
on Roads

The transition of Grady county's  
system of "state roads" from a routing  
map on paper to an actual net  
work of graded pikes will begin in the  
region of Pocomas the last of this  
week when an engine, bought by the  
county commissioners yesterday, will  
begin work on the main north and  
south thoroughfare of the county.

Purchase of the engine from Pocomas  
dealers yesterday followed a demon-  
stration on north-county roads in  
which county commissioners were  
convinced that plowing and grading  
by the aid of gasoline was the best  
and most economical method possi-  
ble to employ. The tractor a 15-hp  
horse power, is to cost \$1050 deliv-  
ered at Pocomas. It is to be attached  
to grading tools already in the posses-  
sion of the county.

Two men can run an entire grading  
outfit with a gasoline engine as the  
motive power, and two men are to  
be kept busy continually in the  
north part of the county working on  
the new highway.

But Grady county commissioners  
are not to let the building of state  
roads between marketing places wait  
on the work of just one outfit. Pro-  
vided this engine proves as success-  
ful as is expected of it, another, an  
exact duplicate, will be purchased  
and started on the north and south  
road, beginning at Rush Springs and  
working north to meet the machine  
from the north part of the county.  
With that one purchased yesterday  
beginning on its stretch of 30 miles  
at once, the two are expected to meet  
at Ninnekah some time this summer  
with the first of the cross-county  
roads completed.

Then the second of the two ma-  
chines will be delegated to the Rush  
Springs east and west county road  
and the other one will be brought  
back to the county seat town to be-  
gin the building of a graded highway  
east and west from the city.

"Even with work beginning before  
funds are actually available, however,  
Grady county will not have a complet-  
ed system of state highways in three  
months nor probably in a year," J. A.  
Corzine, chairman of the board of  
county commissioners said this morn-  
ing. "These two machines will be  
kept on the roads continually, but we  
will probably be unable to get over  
the entire system even in a year. The  
building up of a system of good roads  
in any county is not the work of a  
month, nor of several months. It  
takes years. But we are going to be-  
gin it right now and keep at it until  
we have all the chief marketing places  
of the county connected with sur-  
rounding market places by a graded  
highway."

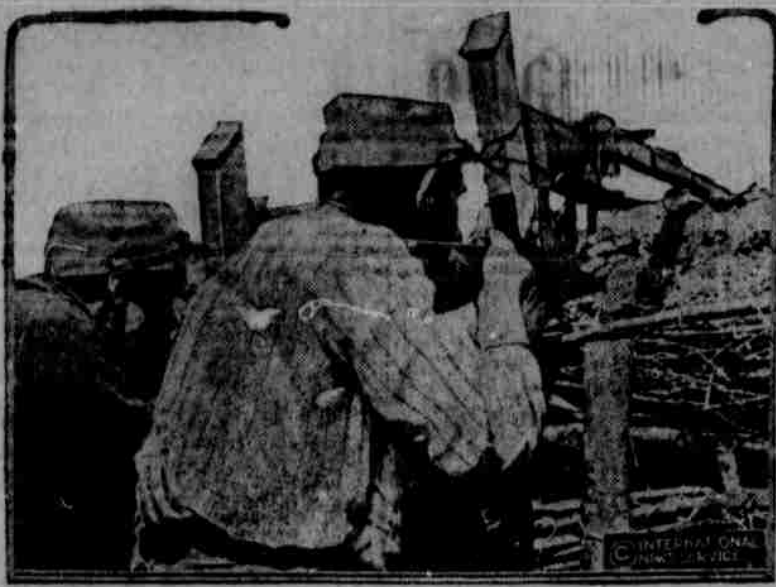
Men who have been working over  
the county this spring declare Grady  
county roads to be in worse condi-  
tion now than they have been in since  
statehood. Any number of bridges  
have been washed out by the heavy  
rains and "washing" on the hillsides  
has made even the chief roads over  
which the farmer must haul his grain  
to market almost impassable.

Work of re-building these roads is  
not to be delayed. Fifty thousand, or  
approximately that sum, is to be spent  
in Grady county this year in replacing  
bridges and in grading up-hill and bot-  
tom alike.

## GIVEN MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Marriage license was issued by  
Clerk S. L. Newman this morning for  
James V. Spears, 29, Treton, and Pearl  
Chapman, 18, Verdun. Spears, who  
applied in person for the license, pre-  
sented a written letter of consent  
from his father, R. L. Spears.

## NEW FRENCH PERISCOPE RIFLE



## HURL BACK FRENCH IS THE REPORT

Germans Claim Victory Over En-  
emy; Submarines More Careful  
About Lives; No General  
Strike in England

By United Press.  
Berlin, July 14.—According to the  
official statement issued here today,  
the Germans hurled back the French  
more than half a mile in an attack  
on the Vigne chateau. It is claimed  
that the Germans took over two thou-  
sand prisoners in the engagement.

## Commanders Cautioned.

By United Press.  
Amsterdam, July 14.—A semi-offi-  
cial statement from Berlin partly cor-  
roborates the report that German sub-  
marine commanders were instructed  
to be more careful about lives follow-  
ing the Lusitania disaster.

## Attitude of Workers.

By United Press.  
London, July 14.—Ramsey McDon-  
ald, the labor leader and member of  
parliament, says the workers are fight-  
ing for England but when the war is  
over they will demand that there be  
no more war. They will ask for  
things whereby war will be eradicated.  
McDonald says England will not  
have a general strike in case con-  
scription is employed.

By United Press.  
Berlin, July 14.—It is reported here  
that the Scandinavian countries will  
strongly protest to England against  
interference with their trade.

## "Gets Religion" and Conscience Hurts Him

Fay Thompson of Oklahoma City,  
district passenger agent on the Rock  
Island, who was in Chickasha today,  
tells another odd one of a person  
wanting to contribute to the con-  
science fund. He has just received a  
letter from one who declares he has  
"got religion," his conscience is hurt-  
ing him and he wants to square up all  
past wrongs.

The writer states that fourteen  
years ago he burned a ride from El  
Reno to Oklahoma City. Now he  
wants to know what the regular fare  
between the two points is and to what  
officials he may remit.

## FLOWERS AND MUSIC FOR ELKS

By United Press.  
Los Angeles, Cal., July 14.—A mass-  
ed band parade featured the Elks  
Grand Lodge Session today. It was  
followed by a midsummer floral and  
allegorical pageant, in which blo-  
soms worth thousands of dollars were  
carried through the downtown streets  
on floats and decorated vehicles.  
Elks and their families visited the  
new Selig moving picture zoo and in-  
spected the animals which have fig-  
ured in so many jungle films. A spec-  
ial performance was staged especially  
for the visitors.

## ST. LOUIS SEEKS SHRINER MEET

By United Press.  
Seattle, Wash., July 14.—The selec-  
tion of the new chamber of the im-  
perial divan of the Shrine order and  
the city which will entertain the forty  
second annual meeting in 1916, held  
the attention of the Shrine council  
today at the second session of the  
annual meeting being held here. The  
new member of the Divan, captain of  
the outer guard, will become imperial  
potentate in eleven years, if nothing  
intervenes, and the prize is the most  
eagerly sought in Shrinism.  
St. Louis made a strong bid for the  
1916 council, already raised a fund  
of \$50,000 for entertainment purposes.  
The Missouri city shriners brought  
a huge balloon with them. It will  
be released tomorrow at Woodland  
Park, during an immense barbecue  
spread for the hands and patrols of  
the visiting temples.

## NEW SPIRIT OF FRANCE IS SHOWN

By United Press.  
Paris, July 14.—The French capital  
today is celebrating July 14, the an-  
niversary of the attack on the battle,  
but the usual street balls, carnivals,  
banquets and fireworks are missing.  
Instead of the customary festivities,  
Paris is holding a single magnificent  
ceremony which is designed to be  
significant of the new spirit of  
France.

The ashes of De Lisle, the com-  
poser of the Marseillaise, were brought  
to the city from their old resting place  
and were carried in an immense pa-  
rade along boulevards that were lined  
with hundreds of thousands of people.  
Only the sobs of women, saddened  
by thoughts of loved ones in the war,  
broke the impressive silence.

President Poincare delivered an ad-  
dress and all day the people filed by  
the urn in which the ashes of the  
composer of the national song re-  
posed.

## Okla. Woman Witness in Iowa Murder Case

By United Press.  
Bedford, Ia., July 14.—Mrs. Eliza-  
beth Benson of Dover, Okla., is re-  
ported to testify in the mysterious  
case of murder committed in 1868  
that no man was murdered on her  
former home place, as claimed by the  
state.

Four men are now under arrest for  
connection with the crime. Accord-  
ing to the evidence that has devel-  
oped a rich cattleman was robbed of  
\$50,000, and after the murder, his  
body was hidden in a well. The  
money was buried, and the crime was  
brought to light through recent efforts  
to find it.

## K. P.'S INITIATE THREE.

Three men from Rush Springs were  
initiated into the Knights of Pythias  
order at the local lodge Monday night.  
They were Joe Dempsey, James Fon-  
ter and Albert Smith. Visitors for  
the ceremonies were John Coyne, E.  
I. Williams, H. M. Evans, Ira John-  
son and A. A. Fatheree, from Rush  
Springs, and W. Talley and Jess Per-  
cival, from Marlow.

## SENSE OF SIN DRIVES TO SUICIDE

Marlow Man Hangs Himself on Tree  
in His Own Yard After Com-  
ing Home from Holiness  
Meeting

## WAS CONVERT IN A RECENT REVIVAL

Confesses to Woeful Wickedness  
Though Not Known by Neigh-  
bors as Bad Man; Had  
Been in Ill Health

By United Press.  
Marlow, Okla., July 14.—After lis-  
tening to a sermon by a Holiness  
preacher, in which the awfulness of  
sin was pictured in lurid language,  
the terrible consequence of attempt-  
ing to cover up secret shortcomings  
being graphically portrayed, William  
Skaggs of this place returned home  
with his wife about 11 o'clock and  
at 2 o'clock this morning, was found  
dead by the latter, suspended by a  
rope from a limb of a tree in his own  
yard, with life extinct.

Skaggs was converted in a Baptist  
revival about a month ago and at the  
time confessed that he had been a  
very wicked man though he had not  
been known by his neighbors as such  
a man. His sins, real or fancied,  
seemed to weigh very heavily on his  
mind and he appeared to be unable  
to shake off the cloud of gloom that  
rested over him. For some time he had  
been under the care of a physician but  
his trouble was not considered to be  
of a serious nature.

When the Holiness sect started a  
revival Skaggs soon became a regular  
attendant. Religious excitement ran  
high, as usual in such meetings, and  
Skaggs was deeply moved by it. Last  
night the preacher dwelt strongly on  
the text, "Be sure your sin will find  
you out," referring to the fact that in  
some cases the awful sense of sin  
had driven men to self-destruction.  
Skaggs was visibly affected by the  
sermon.

Some time after retiring, Mrs.  
Skaggs awoke, and on finding her hus-  
band missing began to search for  
him, finding him hanging dead not  
far from the house.

The deceased was about 24 years of  
age and in addition to a widow he  
leaves a small daughter. Skaggs bore  
the reputation of being a good citizen  
and his tragic end has stirred the  
community into deep sympathy for  
the unfortunate family.

## BURGLARS LOOT RUSH DRUG STORE

Burglars took cash, register and all  
when they broke into the Hampton  
drug store at Rush Springs last night.  
Sheriff Hodge Bailey is on the  
grounds today seeking evidence that  
will lead to the recovery of the prop-  
erty.

Besides money and register, the  
burglars took some jewelry and other  
small articles. The loss was reported  
at about \$300. Suspected parties  
are being investigated today.

## THAW SANE SAYS JURY

By United Press.  
New York, July 14.—By verdict of  
the jury returned this afternoon, Har-  
ry Thaw, slayer of Stanford White,  
was held to be a sane man.

## KAISER COMMENDS HIS OFFICERS



Emperor William in his automobile praising some of his officers for the work of the German army in the recapture of Lemberg, capital of Galicia.

## BOY BITTEN BY A RABID MULE

John Welsh, a prominent stock rais-  
er and farmer from near Cement, was  
in Chickasha yesterday with his  
12-year-old son, whom he was taking  
home from the Pasture institute in  
Oklahoma City. The boy was bitten  
last Friday by a mule which had hy-  
drophobia, and was taken to the Pas-  
teur institute and a course of treat-  
ment started.  
The mule, which took hydrophobia  
last Thursday, died Saturday. In the  
meantime he had bitten the boy, three  
horses and another mule. The boy  
was riding a horse and leading the  
mule when he bit him above the  
ankle. The head of the dead mule was  
sent to Norman, where the state  
chemist examined it and pronounced  
the disease causing its death hydro-  
phobia.

## GRADY HAS GOOD JUNE BRIDE CROP

Grady county produced an exceed-  
ingly good crop of June brides this  
year, according to the report of Dr.  
L. E. Emanuel, county superintendent  
of health. Thirty-four were re-  
corded in 34 marriage licenses issued  
during the month.

This number not only exceeded the  
number of births—32—but it also was  
almost three times the number of  
deaths recorded. The latter number  
was only 12. Of the deaths, one was  
from pellagra, of which disease there  
were five cases in the county, two  
were from tuberculosis and two were  
from pneumonia. Not a single case  
of smallpox was reported in the coun-  
ty during the month.

"The prevailing diseases in the  
county now, and the one that must be  
guarded against most strictly," Dr.  
Emanuel said in making his report,  
"is typhoid. An epidemic could very  
easily follow the rainy spring unless  
people exercise more than the ordi-  
nary amount of precaution. Particular  
attention should be paid to drinking  
water, which should be boiled if there  
is the slightest suspicion of danger.  
Other sanitary conditions should  
likewise receive especial attention un-  
til cold weather reduces the danger  
from the disease."

The oldest person in the death re-  
port was 78, and the youngest one  
year old.

## Drilling Begun on Unity Oil Lease

Drilling on the Unity Oil and Gas  
company lease a half mile southeast  
of Alex, began this week, according  
to S. J. Goldsmith of Chickasha, sec-  
retary treasurer of the company. Prac-  
tically all of the last week was spent  
in preliminary work. Mr. Goldsmith  
states, but the drilling once begun is  
to be pushed rapidly until the men  
have either brought in a producer or  
proved conclusively that oil does not  
underlie that section.

"We will go 3000 feet," he said this  
morning, "though we expect to find  
oil at a shallower depth than that."  
The Unity company, of which ex-  
Mayor J. B. Burton is president, has  
5000 acres of leases.

## BOMBARD CAMP OF AUSTRIANS

Italian Airmen Score Near Gorizia;  
Creeks Tortured by Turks;  
Big Guns Shell Arras  
and Soissons

By United Press.  
Rome, July 14.—The successful bom-  
bardment of the Austrian camp near  
Goritz by Italian airmen was reported  
by the war office today.  
The fighting around Goritz con-  
tinues, but the general situation is  
unchanged.

## Anti-Greek Outrages.

By United Press.  
Athens, July 14.—Greek outrages  
are reported to have been committed  
by Turks in interior villages of that  
country.  
According to advices received here  
the Greeks were tortured for not em-  
bracing Mohammedanism.  
Reports say thirty thousand Greeks  
have been expelled from Musselman  
villages.

## Italians Demoralized.

By United Press.  
Vienna, July 14.—The war office  
says captured Italians report lack of  
discipline and demoralization in the  
ranks of the Italian army. It is claim-  
ed that officers have been shot by  
soldiers.  
Reports from Paris today says  
French aviators reconnoitered over  
Essen, the home of the big Krupp gun  
factories.

A heavy bombardment of Arras and  
Soissons is reported. The Germans  
fired their biggest shells on Arras,  
starting some blazes. Other French  
and German engagements reported to-  
day were of minor importance.

## Swedish Schooner Sinks.

By United Press.  
Stockholm, July 14.—The captain  
and four members of the crew of the  
Swedish schooner Daisy were drown-  
ed when the vessel was sunk by a  
mine off Aland island.

## City Doesn't Pay for Cutting of Weeds

Weed-cutting in Chickasha this  
year has been done at a total cost to  
the city of \$2, according to Dan W.  
Beets, street commissioner. This  
sum was paid out for the cutting on  
the lots formerly occupied by the old  
convention hall, the owner of which  
could not be located.

In all other cases, a notice has  
merely been sent to the owner of the  
property, or his agent, who has the  
work done, dispensing with a pay-  
ment by the city and an assessment  
against the property.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.

Generally fair tonight and Thurs-  
day; not much change in temperature.  
Local Temperature  
During the twenty-four hours ending  
at 8 a. m.  
Maximum ..... 95  
Minimum ..... 73

## YIELD RUNS FROM 10 TO 25 BUSHELS

Returns from the Crop Vary Widely  
in Different Sections of the  
County; Threshing Fin-  
ished in Few Cases

## MINCO MAN GETS MORE THAN 25 BU.

From 20 to 25 Bushels Turned Out  
on the Bryant Place West of  
Chickasha; Some Grain  
Sprouts in the Shock

Continued reports of wheat in some  
fields making exceptionally good  
yields and that in others making very  
poor ones, have come to Chickasha  
in the past two days. W. E. Smith,  
living four miles southeast of the  
city, has not yet begun threshing, but  
he does not believe wheat in his sec-  
tion will average more than ten or  
fifteen bushels. On the other hand,  
some fields in other sections have al-  
ready been threshed that are turning  
out from twenty to twenty-five bush-  
els to the acre.

Brunn Wall of near Minco, who has  
just completed threshing 90 acres of  
small grain, made a little more than  
25 bushels to the acre on his wheat,  
which tested 59 pounds and was sold  
for 85 cents. His oats, however, are  
of an exceptionally poor quality, as  
are most of the oats in his section, it  
is stated.

Reports from Pocomas are to the  
effect that in that vicinity the yield  
of wheat is running from 18 to 24  
bushels.

Wheat on the Bill Bryant place,  
five miles west of town, in the bot-  
toms, was reported yesterday to be  
threshing out from 20 to 25 bushels  
to the acre, and one small field of  
barley had already been threshed out,  
the yield being slightly more than 50  
bushels to the acre on ten acres.

Reports from other fields give a  
wide range of yields, varying from 11  
to 25 bushels. One man was report-  
ed to have a field on the river south-  
east that was so damaged by the wa-  
ter that he could not cut it at all. An-  
other who was now threshing had per-  
mitted his grain to lie unopened in  
the shocks too long, some had sprout-  
ed and he was taking not more than  
11 bushels to the acre from the field.

Chickasha elevator men reported  
grain coming in from a number of  
fields, though few of them had been  
completed and almost no definite fig-  
ures could be obtained yet as to the  
yields. Grain from three machines is  
now coming in to the Chickasha Mill-  
ing company. Yield from these is re-  
ported at from 15 to 20 bushels to the  
acre.

SAYS WON'T STOP HERE.  
Ringling Bros' shows will not stop  
at Chickasha this year unless the city  
council decides to reduce the price  
of license no wretched. This much  
was made plain by N. J. Pettit this  
morning when he attempted to obtain  
permission to book the big circus for  
Chickasha on August 7. Mr. Pettit is  
an advance agent. Licenses fees re-  
quired here, he states, are \$175, which  
his company considers exorbitant.

## SMUGGLE DOPE INTO JAIL.

By United Press.  
Dallas, July 14.—Police believe that  
they are unearthing a big plot by  
which dope has been smuggled into  
the city jail after arresting a man  
and finding on him letters from girl  
 inmates begging him to send in some  
dope. One pitiful appeal said, "I'm  
suffering, as the Ft. Worth doctor has  
not shown up this week."

## CONSUMPTION OF COTTON.

By United Press.  
Washington, July 14.—According to  
the report issued by the census bu-  
reau today on the consumption of cot-  
ton in June, the total number of bales  
used during the month was 51,150,  
against 446,145 during the same period  
last year.  
The report shows that the falling  
off in exports of the staple for the  
month was only about one thousand  
bales.